Withdrawal by Financier Bank of Oman-India Gas Pipe-line Project

506. SHRI JOHN F. FERNANDES: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the main financier of "Oman-India" sub-sea gas pipe-line project which was supposed to be "Stanly Morgan Bank", has withdrawn from this project;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what was the total cost of this project and what was the contribution of the said bank?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) to (c) The Oman Oil Company (OOC) has indicated that the cost of the Oman-India pipeline project would be around USD 5 billion. OOC has not indicated the sources of finance for the project.

Violation of Urban Land Ceiling Act in Delhi

507. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Urban Land Ceiling Act is being violated in Delhi on a large scale.

(b) if so, the names of the industrial units which have violated the Act during the last two years; and

(c) the names of the industrial units to which Central Government have provided relaxation in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU): (a) The subject basically comes under the purview of the State Government. As reported by Government of Delhi, no such violation has been reported to them so far.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Union Government does not provide relaxation as such.

Drinking Water supply to problem villages

508. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any steps to ensure drinking water supply to problem villages in different States;

(b) if so, the details thereof upto the end of the Seventh Five Year Plan and the achievements made as on date; and

(c) the different kinds of drinking water supply projects under implementation in different States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD VERMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Achievement in terms of coverage of problem villages and other villages upto the end of the Seventh Five Year Plan, 1990-91 to 1993-94 and in terms of coverage of 'not covered' and partially covered habitations upto 1995-96 are as follows:

Period	Achievements (No. of problem/ other villages/ habitations)
During VII Plan	2,51,431
From 1991-92 to 1993-94	1,12,348
1994-95	70,934
1995-96	93,229

(c) The following different kinds of drinking water supply projects are under implementation in different States:

1. Handpumps schemes.
2. Piped Water Supply Schemes.
3. Gravity flow schemes in hilly areas.
4. Sanitary dug wells.